

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A~~When~~ signal-recording-and-reproducing portion 30 records an image signal DVb of a variable frame-rate picked-up image generated by ~~[[a]]~~ an image signal generation portion. When ~~10~~ if it is instructed to reproduce the image signal, the recorded signal is reproduced and supplied to a frame rate conversion portion 24 as an image signal DVr. The frame rate conversion portion 24 converts the image signals DVb and DVr to a display frame rate and supplies them to a monitor image signal generation portion 44 as image signals DVb' and DVr'. The monitor image signal generation portion 44 then generates a monitor image displaying images based on the image signals DVb' and DVr' on a screen. An adjustment of ~~Adjusting~~ the frame rate referring to reproduced image displayed together with an image that is being shot allows an image signal to be easily generated so that a motion of a subject can be matched to a desired speed at the reproduction thereof.